

Minutes  
**Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee**  
**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A**  
**Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 7:00 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting via on Zoom**

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm ET on March 28, 2023, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Erin Sullivan, Kara Hughley, Joe Krisch, Erin Blumenthal  
Commissioners Present: Robb Dooling, Mike Velasquez  
Establishment Representatives Present: Candace Fitch (Hiraya Kapamilya), Solomon Kahassay (Old City 1 Café)

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
  - Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
  - The agenda was approved without objection.
  - The minutes from the January 24, 2023 meeting of the Committee were approved without objection.
  
- II. Community Comment
  - There were no comments from the community.
  
- III. New Business
  - Discussion of application by Hiraya Kapamilya, LLC t/a Hiraya Kapamilya at 1250 H St. NE (ABRA-124137) for a Class C Tavern License.
    - Ms. Fitch appeared on behalf of Hiraya Kapamilya. She indicated that the establishment is owned by three people, and they have another restaurant in Virginia, but they do not have a liquor license at that establishment. She stated that they are planning to have Filipino food - the downstairs will be mainly takeout, and the upstairs will have a formal dining room with seating, table service and liquor service. She indicated that there would be no entertainment. The target opening date is May 2023.
    - Chair Sullivan indicated that she would send the settlement agreement over and asked about trash and rodent protection. Ms. Fitch indicated that she would work with her clients on the settlement agreement and talk to them about trash and rodent protection specifically.
    - Committee member Hughley moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license application of Hiraya Kapamilya, unless a settlement agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to the protest deadline, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter.
      - Committee member Krisch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
  
  - Discussion of application by Old City 1 LLC t/a Old City 1 Café at 1307 H St. NE (ABRA-124035) for a Class C Restaurant License.
    - Mr. Kahassay appeared on behalf of Old City 1 Café. In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Kahassay indicated that he is a new partner in the

establishment, and the prior license was under a prior partner's name who has since left the establishment. He indicated that the establishment is now submitting a new license application.

- Mr. Kahassay indicated that they plan to have Middle Eastern food, and they will be open from 10am to 2am. He stated that they were also planning to have happy hour, standup comedy and a deejay three times per week, but that there would be no dancing area.
- The Committee members and ANC Commissioners asked Mr. Kahassay several questions about the prior iteration of Old City 1 Café, which came before the Committee last summer, and subsequently changed its model. In response, Mr. Kahassay indicated that he bought his share of the business in November 2022 and registered Key Lounge as a trade name in December 2022. Commissioner Velasquez requested a copy of the ownership documentation.
- The Committee members and ANC Commissioners also inquired about why Mr. Kahassay applied for a restaurant license as opposed to a tavern or nightclub, given the proposed plan. Mr. Kahassay stated that the plan is for a restaurant and that they will use the tradename Old City Café, but that they might use the Key Lounge name in the future.
- Chair Sullivan indicated that the Committee is looking for clarity on what the plan for the establishment is, given the changes observed by Commissioners and ABL Committee members to the prior iteration of Old City 1 Café.
- Commissioner Velasquez recommended that Mr. Kahassay work with Ms. Fashbaugh at ABRA to understand the rules for the different license types and apply for the license that matches his business plan.
- Chair Sullivan indicated that, at Commissioner Velasquez's request, this item would be placed on the agenda for the ANC meeting, and recommended that Mr. Kahassay provide the ownership and trade name documentation, and perhaps something in writing regarding the plan for the establishment, in advance of the ANC meeting for the ANC to consider.
- Commissioner Dooling moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license application of Old City 1 Café.
  - Committee member Blumenthal seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.